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NOTICE.

THE NATURALIST will hereafter be issued as a publication of the PEABODY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE. A few words explanatory of this change will be appropriate at this time, and may be of interest to our readers.

The Academy owes its origin to the munificence of GEORGE PEABODY, whose name has been placed at the head of the list of public benefactors by his many noble donations to the cause of science and education in this country.

During Mr. Peabody's recent visit to his native county, he created a Trust for the PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND USEFUL KNOWLEDGE IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, and appointed a Board of Trustees to manage the same. The following Correspondence and Instrument of Trust will explain the objects :—

MR. PEABODY'S LETTER.

SALEM, MASS., Feb. 26, 1867.

TO FRANCIS PEABODY, Esq.; Prof. ASA GRAY; WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Esq.; GEORGE PEABODY RUSSELL, Esq.; Prof. OTHNIEL C. MARSH; Dr. HENRY WHEATLAND; A. C. GOODELL, jr., Esq.; Dr. JAMES R. NICHOLS; and Dr. HENRY C. PERKINS :—

GENTLEMEN,—As you will perceive by the enclosed Instrument of Trust, I wish to place in the hands of yourselves, and your successors, the sum of One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars, for the PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND USEFUL KNOWLEDGE IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX.

Of this, my native County, I have always been justly proud, in common with all her sons, remembering her ancient reputation, her many illustrious statesmen, jurists, and men of science, her distinguished record from the earliest days of our country's history, and the distinction so long retained by her, as eminent in the education and morality of her citizens.

I am desirous of assisting to perpetuate her good name through future generations, and of aiding through her means in the diffusion of science and knowledge; and, after consultation with some of her most eminent and worthy citizens, and encouraged by the success which has already attended the efforts and researches of the distinguished Scientific Association of which your Chairman is President, and with which most of you are connected, I am led to hope that this gift may be instrumental in attaining the desired end.

I therefore transmit to you the enclosed Instrument, and a check for the amount therein named (\$140,000), with the hope that this Trust, as administered by you and your successors, may tend to advancement in intelligence and virtue, not only in our good old County of Essex, but in our Commonwealth, and in our common country.

I am, with great respect,

Your humble servant,

GEORGE PEABODY.

(Signed)

INSTRUMENT OF TRUST

I hereby give to FRANCIS PEABODY of Salem, ASA GRAY of Cambridge, WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT of Salem, GEORGE PEABODY RUSSELL of Salem, OTHNIEL C. MARSH of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, HENRY WHEATLAND of Salem, ABNER C. GOODELL, jr. of Salem, JAMES R. NICHOLS of Haverhill, and HENRY C. PERKINS of Newburyport, the sum of One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars, to be by them and their successors held in trust, for the promotion, among the inhabitants of my native County of Essex, of the Study and Knowledge of the Natural and Physical Sciences, and of their application to the Useful Arts.

And I empower my said Trustees to make all such arrangements and agreements with the Corporation now established in the City of Salem under the name and title of the Essex Institute, as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this instrument.

I direct that the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars, of the amount I have above given, shall be applied to the purchase of the East India Marine Hall, and of land in the City of Salem, and for the erection, fitting up and furnishing of such buildings thereon as shall be necessary for the purposes of this Trust.

I further direct that the remaining sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars be forever kept invested by my said Trustees and their successors as a permanent Fund, and only the income thereof be used for the purposes of this Trust.

In case the before-mentioned sum of Forty Thousand Dollars shall be found insufficient, this income may be applied to the purpose of erecting such buildings as have been mentioned, the furnishing and arrangement of museums and collections, or such similar purposes as in the judgment of the Trustees shall be necessary to place the Institution on a proper basis for the benefit and instruction of the public; and it is my desire that the work of arranging a Museum and Collections be entered upon at an early day, and proceeded with as rapidly as can be done conveniently and advantageously.

After this shall have been done, the income shall be applied in the following proportions:—Seven-twelfths thereof to the department of the Physical Sciences and Practical Technology, and Five-twelfths thereof to the department of the Natural Sciences; but the Trustees, if after sufficient experience they shall find it desirable, may change these proportions, and, if at any time hereafter they shall be unanimously agreed upon the expediency of so doing, they may change the application and direction of the whole of said income as they may deem most conducive to the interest of Science and Learning in the County of Essex.

All vacancies in the Board of Trustees above constituted, by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, by vote of the remaining Trustees.

The Trustees shall keep a record of their doings, and shall annually prepare a report setting forth the condition of the Trust and Funds, and the amount of income received and expended by them during the previous

year. This report shall be signed by the Trustees, and made public in such manner as they shall think expedient.

I give to said Trustees the liberty of obtaining from the Legislature an Act of Incorporation, if they shall deem it desirable; to make all necessary By-laws, and all such regulations and restrictions as shall be necessary, in their judgment, for the preservation and maintenance of the Trust, or of all property or collections held under it; and generally to do whatever may be proper and necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Trust.

I am, with great respect,
Your humble servant,
GEORGE PEABODY.

(Signed)

REPLY OF THE TRUSTEES.

SALEM, MASS., March 2, 1867.

GEORGE PEABODY, Esquire:—

SIR.—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of February, and the accompanying Instrument of Trust; and while fully appreciating this evidence of your confidence, and deeply sensible of the honorable and important duties we assume, we accept the appointment of Trustees of the sum of One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars, placed in our hands by you for the promotion of Science and Useful Knowledge in the County of Essex.

So wise and munificent a gift cannot fail to advance the general interests of sound learning, and to be productive of vast benefit to the people of this County.

The announcement will fill their hearts with the deepest sense of gratitude, not unmixed with pride, that the giver is one of themselves, born and educated upon their soil. They will read with pleasure your kind allusions to them, and your reference to the many illustrious sons of Essex, whose memory they cherish with tender regard.

And while you would perpetuate to future generations the good name of the County of Essex, be assured that yours will be cherished by her people, and be handed down to their children, not only as among the most distinguished of her sons, but as among the great benefactors of mankind.

On their behalf, and in behalf of the great cause of science and letters for which you have everywhere done so much, we tender most cordial thanks.

We shall endeavor to manifest our full appreciation of the trust given us, by faithfully carrying out the objects and views which you have so clearly set forth.

In performing these duties, we trust that we may have the benefit of your counsel and advice. And we earnestly hope that you may long live to witness your good work, and that you may see accomplished all that you desire and intend by founding so beneficent a Trust.

With great regard, we remain,
Your obedient servants,

(Signed)

FRANCIS PEABODY,
ASA GRAY,
WM. C. ENDICOTT,
GEO. PEABODY RUSSELL,
OTHNIEL C. MARSH,
HENRY WHEATLAND,
ABNER C. GOODELL, JR.
JAMES R. NICHOLS,
HENRY C. PERKINS.

One of the first acts of the Board was the purchase of the building known as the "East India Marine Hall," centrally and conveniently situated in the city of Salem; and of land adjoining on which to erect such additional buildings as may hereafter be requisite for the better fulfilment of the proposed plans and objects.

By arrangements made with the East India Marine Society and the Essex Institute, the valuable Museum of the one, and the Scientific Collection of the other, are to be brought together in the spacious hall which has recently been furnished with convenient and ample cases for their reception, and will constitute the Museum of the Academy, which will thus have at the commencement a large and very valuable Museum, which when fully arranged will, in several respects, be unequalled in this country, and will compare most favorably with those of other Institutions.

At a meeting of the Trustees on the 14th of January, it was voted to adopt the name of THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, and to apply to the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation.*

We shall keep our readers advised of the doings of the Academy in relation to the arrangement of the Museum, and other plans that may be adopted in fulfilment of the objects of the Trust.

The Trustees, considering it one of the legitimate objects of their Trust to assist in the publication of the NATURALIST, have advanced funds sufficient to enable the Editors to continue the publication in its present improved condition.

The organization of the Academy, with objects identical with some of those of the Essex Institute, relieves the latter institution of a portion of its duties which have been accordingly transferred to the former, including all its interest in the AMERICAN NATURALIST.

*At this meeting Mr. S. Endicott Peabody was elected a member of the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of his father, Francis Peabody.